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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2177

Introduced by Assembly Member Maienschein

February 18, 2016

An act to add Section 13835.9 to the Penal Code, relating to victims of crime.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2177, as amended, Maienschein. ~~Victims of crime: federal Victims of Crime Act funding: advisory committee. Crime Act Funding Advisory Committee.~~

Existing law requires the Office of Emergency Services to make available various funds to programs that provide supportive services to the victims of crime.

This bill would establish the Victims of Crime Act Funding Advisory Committee, composed of 17 specified members who are appointed ~~by, and serve at the pleasure of, the Governor.~~ *by the Governor, the President pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of the Assembly, as specified. The bill would establish initial terms of 2 years for members of the committee, require the committee to meet twice a year, and prohibit compensation for members, except for a per diem payment to members who have been a victim of a crime.* The bill would require the office to seek the recommendation of the committee regarding the distribution of funds received by the state pursuant to the federal Victims of Crime Act, also known as VOCA, before ~~make~~ *making* a distribution,

of any kind, of those funds. The bill would specifically require the committee to comply with Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 13835.9 is added to the Penal Code, to
2 read:

3 13835.9. (a) The Office of Emergency Services shall seek the
4 recommendation of the Victims of Crime Act Funding Advisory
5 Committee, established by this section, regarding the distribution
6 of funds received by the state pursuant to the federal Victims of
7 Crime Act, also known as VOCA, before ~~make~~ *making* a
8 distribution, of any kind, of those funds.

9 (b) ~~(1)~~ The Victims of Crime Act Funding Advisory Committee
10 is hereby established within the Office of Emergency Services and
11 shall be composed of the following ~~17 members who are appointed~~
12 ~~by, and serve at the pleasure of, the Governor:~~ *members:*

13 ~~(A)~~

14 ~~(1)~~ One member who represents law enforcement. *The Governor*
15 *shall appoint this member.*

16 ~~(B)~~

17 ~~(2)~~ Eight members who have been a victim of a crime. *The*
18 *Governor shall appoint four of these members, and the President*
19 *pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly shall*
20 *each appoint two members.*

21 ~~(C)~~

22 ~~(3)~~ Eight members who represent the interests of organizations
23 that specialize in providing services to the victims of crime. *The*
24 *Governor shall appoint four of these members, and the President*
25 *pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly shall*
26 *each appoint two members.*

27 (c) ~~(1)~~ *The initial terms of membership on the committee shall*
28 *be two years. Members are eligible to be reappointed twice after*
29 *an initial term.*

30 (2) The committee shall elect a chairperson from its membership.

31 (3) The members shall serve without ~~compensation.~~
32 *compensation, except that members appointed pursuant to*
33 *paragraph (2) of subdivision (b) shall receive a per diem payment.*

1 (4) *The committee shall meet twice a year. The committee shall*
2 *make a recommendation on the distribution of funds at one meeting*
3 *and shall provide input on the efficacy of programs that have been*
4 *funded at the other meeting.*

5 ~~(4)~~

6 (5) The committee shall comply with the Bagley-Keene Open
7 Meeting Act (Article 9 (commencing with Section 11120) of
8 Chapter 1 of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government
9 Code).

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